

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A communications-enabled image recording device for still and/or moving images, ~~in particular a digital camera having comprising:~~

~~_____ a semiconductor image recording sensor; in particular a CMOS/CCD chip or similar array,~~

~~_____ an image recording and image data transfer control unit for the image data and/or text or audio data transfer to an external data sink; and, such as e.g. a personal computer with image reproduction monitor or a mass storage device, and also having~~

~~_____ an operating display and having operating elements for setting operating modes, wherein characterized~~

~~in that provision is made of a memory module (8) for holdings and indirectly representing status information and/or instructions for the image data transfer on the operating display (6), the memory module (8) being connected to an interface (9) in order to accept into the memory module (8) externally offered digit and/or letter sequences and/or graphics or similar representations for identifying thea respective status, and, furthermore, the image data transfer control unit (10) has access at least to the memory module (8) in order to display thea desired representation on the operating display (6).~~

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The communications-enabled image recording device as claimed in claim 1,

~~characterized~~

~~in that the memory module (8) is a separately addressable area of the central camera image recording device memory, or in that the representations are provided with a particular identification symbol in order to define them as status information.~~

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The communications-enabled image recording device as claimed in claim 1 or 2,

~~Characterized~~

~~in that~~ the operating display is a camera display which can be driven by a display driver ~~(7)~~, ~~in which case~~such that, via the driver ~~(7)~~, data can be fetched from the memory module ~~(8)~~ according to specification by the control unit ~~(10)~~.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The communications-enabled image recording device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~,

~~Characterized~~claim 1, wherein

~~in that~~ the image data transfer control unit ~~(10)~~ is connected to a transmitting unit ~~(3)~~, and ~~in that~~ the transmitting unit ~~(3)~~ has a radio transmitting assembly with an antenna for establishing a wire-free connection ~~via a GSM, UMTS, DECT or similar standard telecommunications network and/or a data transfer interface for wire-based, bit-oriented transmission via an ISDN or similar network.~~

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The communications-enabled image recording device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~,

~~Characterized~~claim 1, wherein

~~in that~~ the operating display ~~(6)~~ or ~~the~~ display driver ~~(7)~~ can be externally driven or activated.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The communications-enabled image recording device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~,

~~Characterized~~claim 1, wherein

~~in that~~ the image data transfer control unit ~~(10)~~ is an integral part of the image recording device or camera.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method for operating a communications-enabled image recording device for still and/or moving images, ~~in particular a digital camera, which~~ has comprising:

_____ -a semiconductor image recording sensor, ~~in particular CMOS/CCD chip or similar array;~~
and

_____ -an image recording and image data transfer control unit for the image or other data transfer to an external data sink, ~~such as e.g. a personal computer with image reproduction monitor, or a mass storage device,~~ the integrated image recording and image data transfer control unit being connected to an operating display and also operating elements or setting operating modes, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~in that, in order~~ to display status information and/or instructions on the operating display for or during the data transfer from the data source to the data sink, ~~digit and/or letter sequences and/or graphics or similar representations~~ are read from an additional memory module, the selection of the representations being automatically initiated by the image data transfer control unit in accordance with the respective commands and/or operations.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7,

~~characterized~~

~~in that wherein~~ the ~~digit and/or letter sequences and/or graphics or similar representations~~ which are stored in the memory module can be erased and/or changed and thereby updated by external access after positive checking of authorization.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 ~~or 8~~,

~~characterized~~

~~in that wherein~~ the memory module is formed by a separately addressable area of the ~~central camera~~ image recording device memory.